



The Varsity Letter



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Great Salt Lake Council Web Site Expanding

We now have a great Council web site! The URL is <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/index.htm>. This site is interactive and enables users to access and download information about programs, activities, and more. The goal is to save time and effort for everyone.

Creating a new site is a major undertaking. The next steps include holding focus groups with Committees, leaders, and Scouts to listen to your ideas and needs. Many of you have already e-mailed to share your ideas. Thank you. You can still send your suggestions to Web Suggestions, GSLC, 525 Foothill Blvd., Salt Lake City, UT 84113-1199. Email to: vinfo@gslc-bsa.org or fax to 582-7401.

Many of you have your own unit web sites, and we've received many calls asking for tips and BSA policies. Good news ... the National Council has just completed guidelines to help units with this task. The guidelines are listed below and on the National Council Web site at: www.bsa.scouting.org/site/units.html/.

Guidance for Unit Web Sites

The Boy Scouts of America provides the following advice for individuals who use privately owned Web sites and e-mail accounts to communicate information about Scouting.

Decorum

Scouts should exercise propriety and good taste online. Material that will be posted to a unit site or sent from a unit e-mail account should be reviewed by at least three adult members of the unit committee. Access (the ability to place material on the site or send messages from the account) should be controlled by an adult who is responsible to the committee.

Youth Protection

Names, images, and especially contact information pertaining to youth members should never be gathered or published over the Internet.

Copyright

Do not "borrow" content (without permission) for use in unit Web sites. Written permission should always be obtained, even when material is declared to be "free" or "public domain;" it might not be.

Climbing Course Offered

A new training course for certification of climbing will begin in November. This course will help to certify climbers in "climb on safely" which will meet the minimum requirement of a Varsity Scout climbing activity. Contact **Ray Dahl** for more information.

Programs to Look For:

OnBelay! The new combined youth and adult training course.

Registrations are now being accepted for both youth and adult participants who want to see a Varsity scout team in action. This course trains adult Coaches, Committee members, and Ecclesiastical leaders in the Varsity Scout method. It teaches that a young man is capable of planning and running a program which meets the aims and methods of scouting. It teaches young men to aspire to higher values and rely upon a coach and his committee as a resource to accomplish the activities they have planned. The camp will run August 12-17, 2002, at East Fork of the Bear Scout Reservation. For information and a registration form, see the On Belay web page, <http://www.gslc-bsa.org/varsity/onbelay/index.htm>

NRA Certification, the course that prepares you to take the exam provided by the National Rifle Association. This certification has several opportunities for the book work and several opportunities for the practical application. A certified Range master is required on all scouting activities that involve fire arms. Contact **Mark Maxwell** or **Norm Beers** for more information.

Senior Staff Positions

We are looking for "A Few Good Men" to assist us in the development of the summer camping activities for Varsity age boys. If you are interested, fill out an application at the Scout Service Center today. Junior Staff and Counselor-in-Training Positions are going fast. If you want to spend a fun summer at camp, fill out an application at the Scout Service Center.

Volunteers Needed

Varsity Promotions Committee - For those who love to talk on the phone, this is "just for you." We need volunteers who can dedicate 2 hours a month to calling Varsity coaches about program details, roundtable reminders, and data updates. This will primarily be done at the Council office and we would be grateful to those who could lend a hand in making these calls.

Equipment Needed

A number of items are needed to help us with our activities. If you would like to donate any or all of the following items, please call **Evan Farnsworth** (Varsity Committee Quarter Master), 254-2992.

- Gas-operated power washer
- Power paint sprayer
- Basketball/skateboard supplies
- Electric air compressor
- Vises for craft work
- Window air conditioners (4)
- Work tables
- 4-basket deep fryer
- Filing cabinets
- Pentium computers
- Electric Air Compressor
- Color/BW printers
- First aid supplies
- Chairs
- Desks

Hail and Farewells

Congratulations to **Charlie Dressen** of the Varsity Committee who has been named Course Director for the week-long Wood Badge course in August 2002. Good job!

A warm welcome to **Glen Fairclough**, longtime Scouter and journalist who has accepted the call to organize this newsletter.



Varsity Scout Pledge

As a Varsity Scout I will:
Live by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan;
Honor the dignity and worth of all persons;
Promote the cause of freedom; and
Do my best to be a good team member.

Council Roundtable Report

District committee members are invited to attend the monthly council roundtable at Camp Tracy. Members will receive training which they can then pass on to the coaches and other leaders at the district roundtable the following month.

Dates and themes for upcoming council roundtables follows:

- November 15, 2001: Climbing (Climb On), Winter Camping
- December 19, 2001: Junior Leader Training, Training in general
- January 16, 2002: Scouting for Food, Dutch Oven cooking, Utensiless cooking, Backpacking
- February 20, 2002: Sports and tournaments
- March 20, 2002: Scout-O-Rama
- April 17, 2002: Big Event, On Target
- May 15, 2002: Best Campsites in the Council, Model Campsite

Get 'em in GEAR!

At the October roundtable, leaders received instruction about ways to improve the performance of junior team leaders and team members from Martin Christensen. The following outline summarizes the presentation.

Goal

- Specific
- Measurable
- Achievable
- Related to the Aims of Scouting
- Time based

Enable

- Give true control
- Don't take over or abdicate
- Appropriate expectations
- Growing expectations

Assist

- Return and report
- Pave the way to success
- Script what he should say
- Do it with him (hand holding)

Review

- Do it!
- Keep it positive
- Keep it short
- Write the next goal

Reward

- Instill pride
- Give privilege
- Recognition
- Food

Games Build Team Unity

District leaders learned to play "Stepping Stones," a great team builder that can be played indoors or outside. The challenge is for the team to get from point A to point B, covering a 30-foot stretch of "contaminated earth." Each member of the team except one is given a "life support system" (a piece of cardboard measuring 12 x 12 inches). The team may use these as stepping stones to get across the contaminated area. Anyone who touches the ground must return to the starting point. Each life support system must remain in human contact at all times; if left untouched even for an instant, a stepping stone must be removed from the game.

Try it at an upcoming team meeting.

Roundtable Recipes

For your next cracker barrel, you may want to try the following recipes served at the October roundtable.

Mule's Milk

½ gal ice cream
2 liter ginger ale
12 oz Orange Juice Concentrate
½ tsp Nutmeg
1 TBSP Cinnamon
6 oz real lemon juice

Broccoli Salad

3 cups Broccoli – Med Cut Pieces
1 small red onion (chopped)
½ cup raisins
1 cup Sunflower seeds
Dressing
1 cup mayo
¼ cup sugar
1 tbsp vinegar
Add seeds and dressing just before serving.

District Vice Chairmen Roster

District 1: Mark Wallace, 298-9002
District 2: Brian Bone, 292-1103
District 3: Duane Sjoberg, 292-0778
District 4: Mark Maxfield, 583-4503
District 10: Dave Walker, 969-8753
District 11: Bryan Slade, 435-882-1754
District 12: Bill Gray, 967-8902
District 13: Steve Honsvick, 966-6570
District 14: Dave Kartchner, 254-2283
District 15: Dennis White, 282-0556
District 16: John Brewer, 964-8819
District 17: Hal Myers, 264-0981
District 18: Evan Farnsworth, 254-2997
District 20: George Lambert, 783-4640
District 21: J. Jerald Boseman, 582-7210
District 22: Jed Mouritsen, 467-5655
District 23: David Thomas, 262-9070
District 24: Randy Bloomquist, 565-0349
District 25: Eric Sirstins, 942-6599
District 26: David Acker, 733-0260
District 27: Dan Horne, 571-5278
District 28: Scott Landeen, 572-4883

District Roundtable schedule:

<http://www.gslc-bsa.org/training/roundtable.htm>

Photographs Needed

Attention All Scout Leaders! The Great Salt Lake Council needs photos of your scouts at camp, camporees, and other scouting activities. Please send your photos to Paul Tikalsky at 525 Foothill Blvd, Salt Lake City, UT 84113-1199

The Varsity Letter

Welcome to the first issue of “The Varsity Letter.”

“The Varsity Letter” is a source of information for and about Varsity Scouting for Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Charter Organizational Representatives, unit Committee members, and District Staff members in the Great Salt Lake Council.

Content is selected as a resource to volunteers for upcoming programs, training, camping programs, major Council events, and to help strengthen our local Varsity Scouting program.

Your suggestions are welcome.

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**Great Salt Lake Council ,
Boy Scouts of America**

THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

Holiday Auction

**November 30, 2001 6:00 p.m. Silent Auction
8:15 p.m. Live Auction
Salt Palace, Grand Ballroom**

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